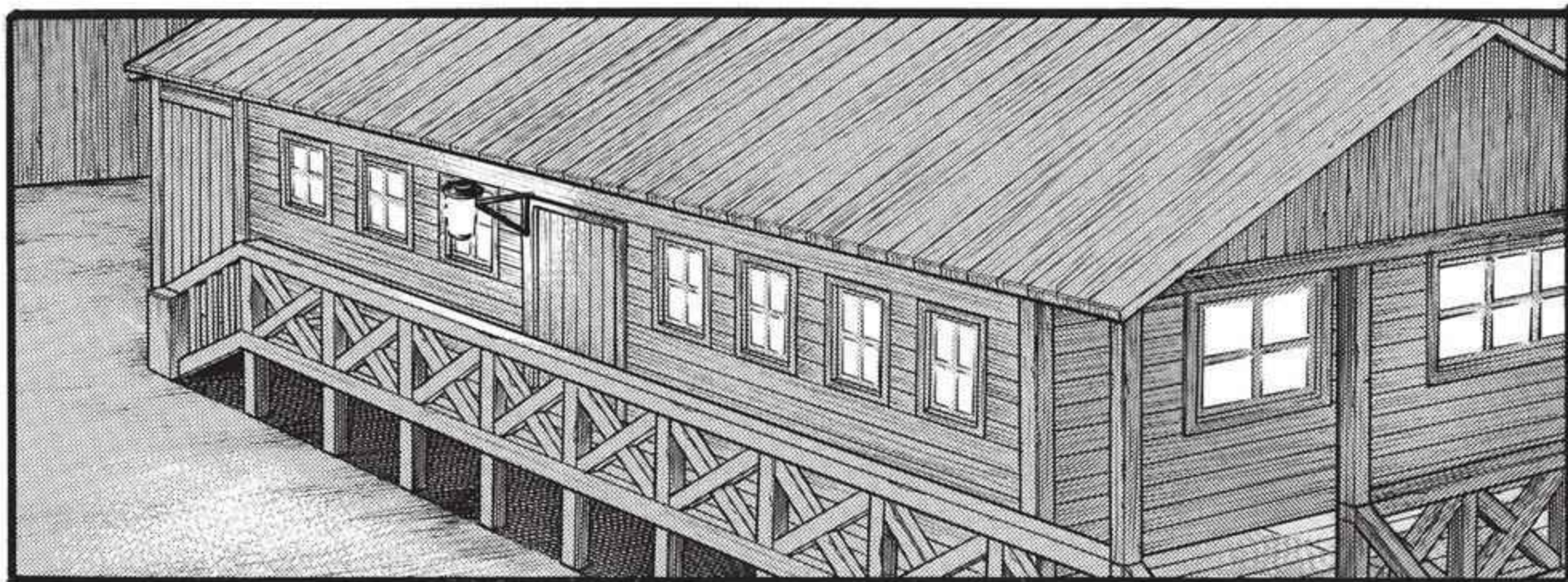


## Episode 16: Necessity







TELL ME ABOUT IT... HOW'S IT POSSIBLE FOR ANYONE NOT TO GRASP THAT?

AND HE'S ALREADY ALMOST KILLED HIMSELF ON STEP ONE, POSTURE CONTROL TRAINING!

HEY... LAST NIGHT, DIDN'T THAT GUY...

...SAY THAT HE WAS GONNA WIPE OUT THE TITANS?

OW!

EREN!

GOOD! THERE'S NO REASON TO WASTE FOOD ON HIM!

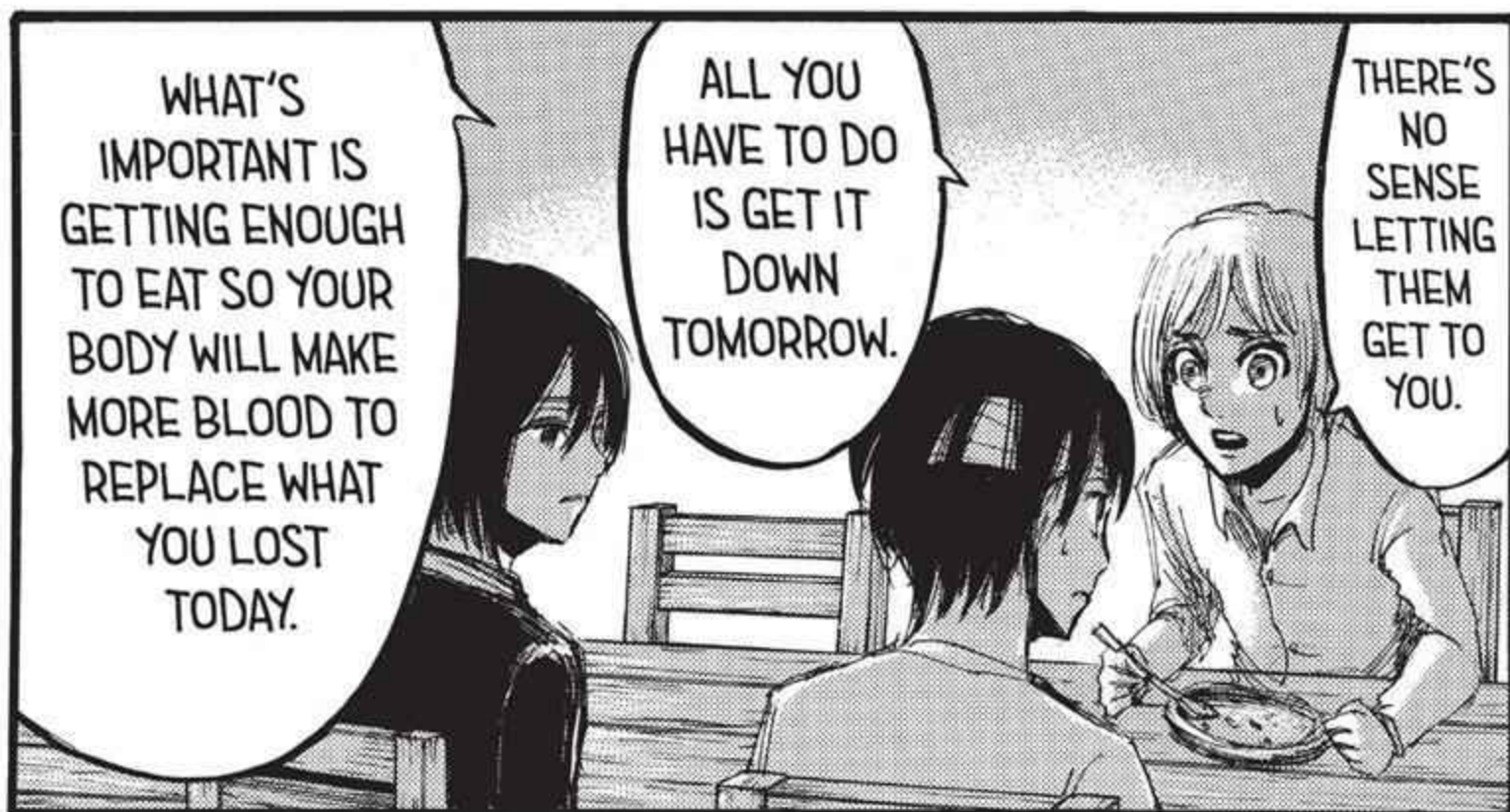
EREN...

HOW THE HELL DOES HE PLAN ON SLAUGHTERING THE TITANS ANYWAY?

YOU GOT ME... BUT AT THIS RATE, HE'LL BE KICKED OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE EVEN GETS A SHOT AT IT.

EREN...

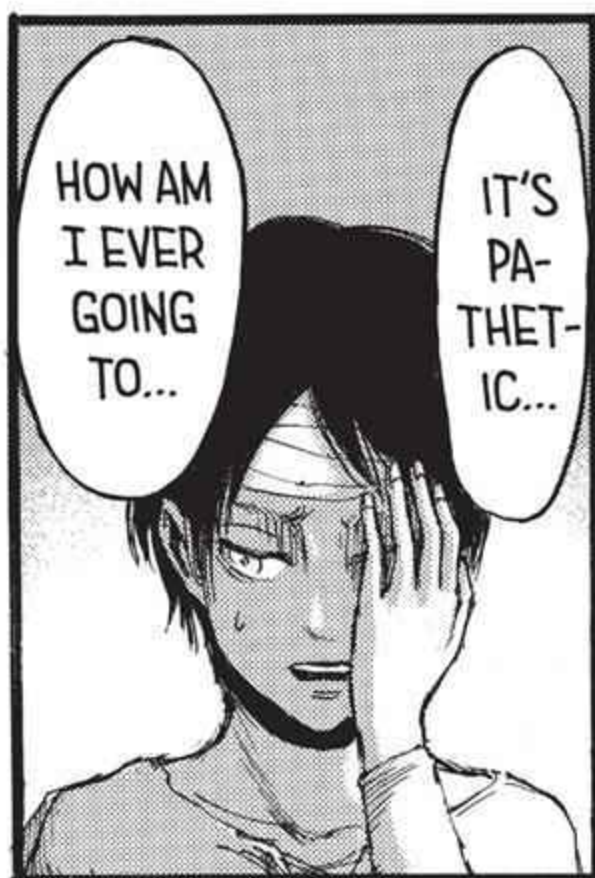




WHAT'S  
IMPORTANT IS  
GETTING ENOUGH  
TO EAT SO YOUR  
BODY WILL MAKE  
MORE BLOOD TO  
REPLACE WHAT  
YOU LOST  
TODAY.

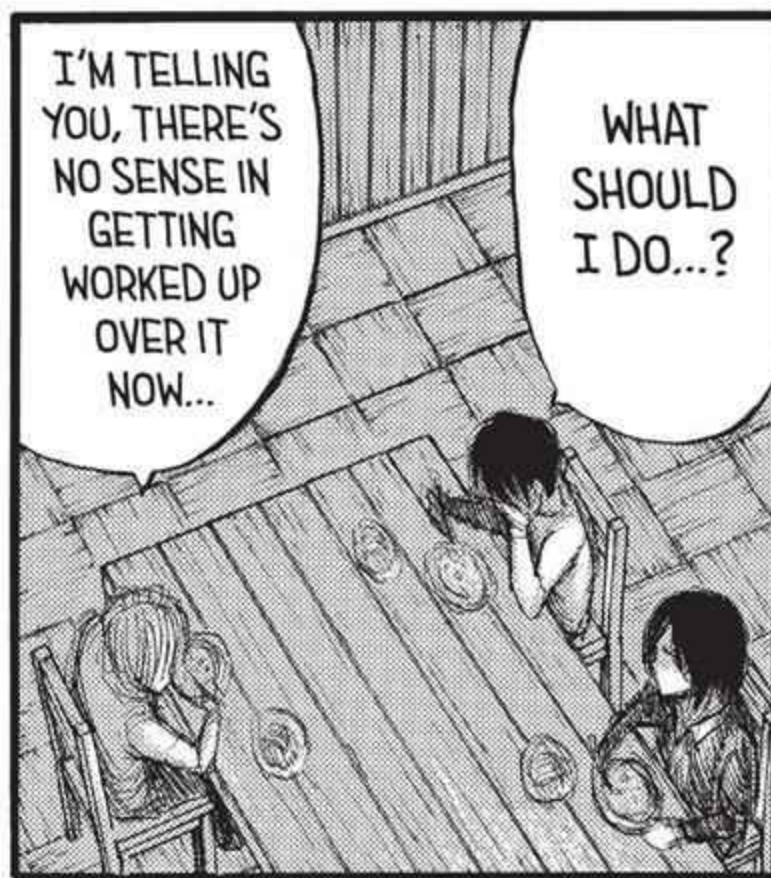
ALL YOU  
HAVE TO DO  
IS GET IT  
DOWN  
TOMORROW.

THERE'S  
NO  
SENSE  
LETTING  
THEM  
GET TO  
YOU.



HOW AM  
I EVER  
GOING  
TO...

IT'S PA-  
THET-  
IC...



I'M TELLING  
YOU, THERE'S  
NO SENSE IN  
GETTING  
WORKED UP  
OVER IT  
NOW...

WHAT  
SHOULD  
I DO...?



...  
TO-  
MOR-  
ROW  
...

IF I  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
TOMOR-  
ROW...



...  
HUH  
?!



HM?



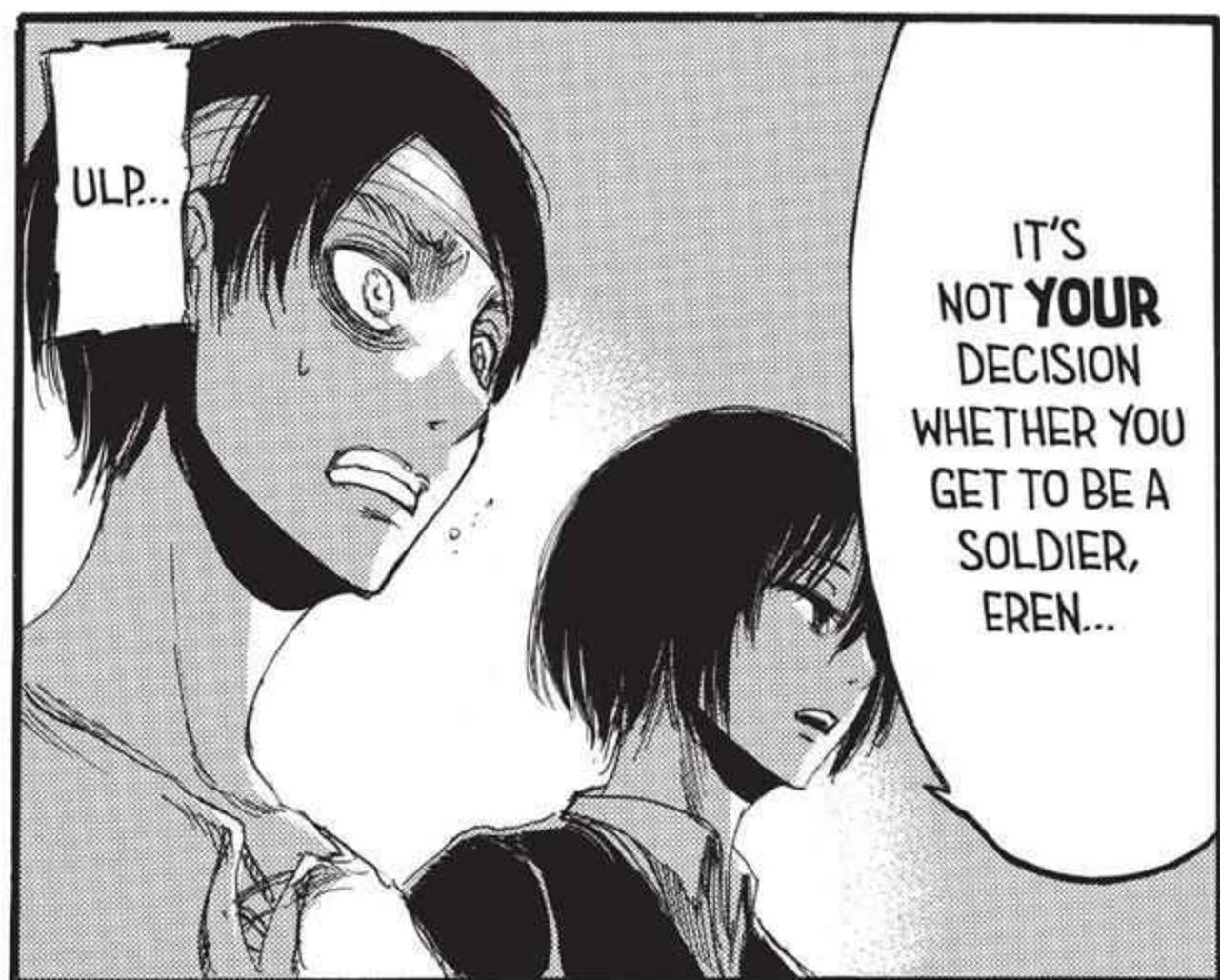
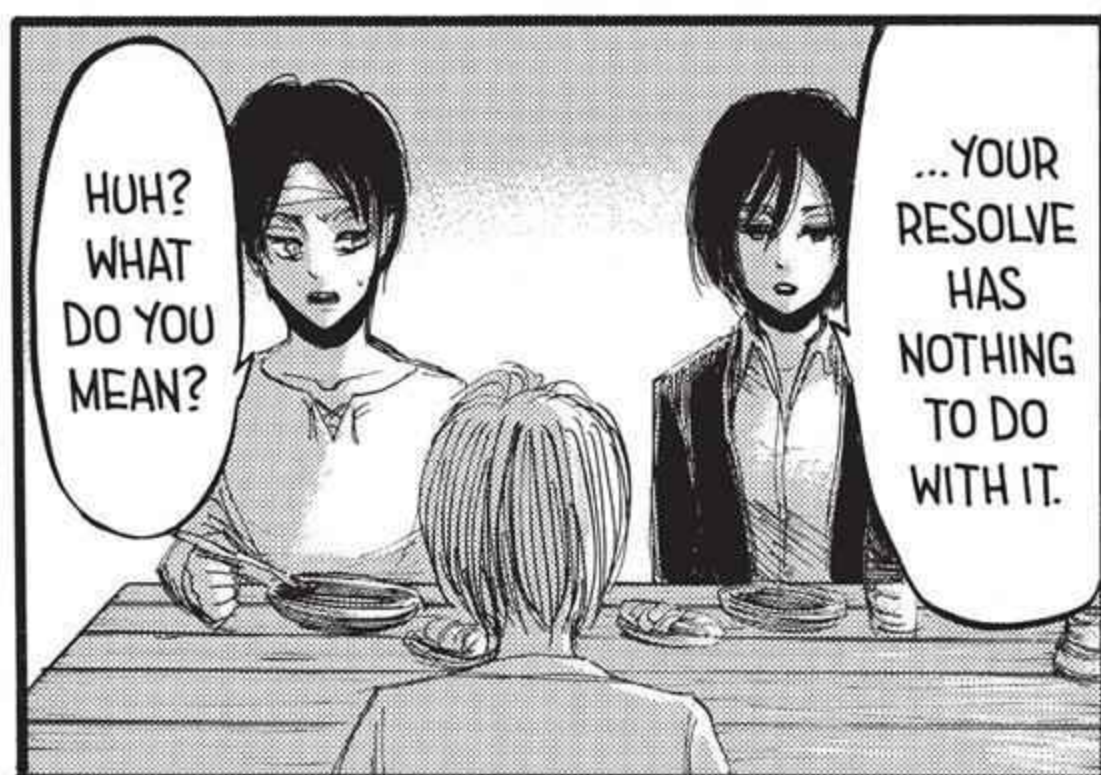
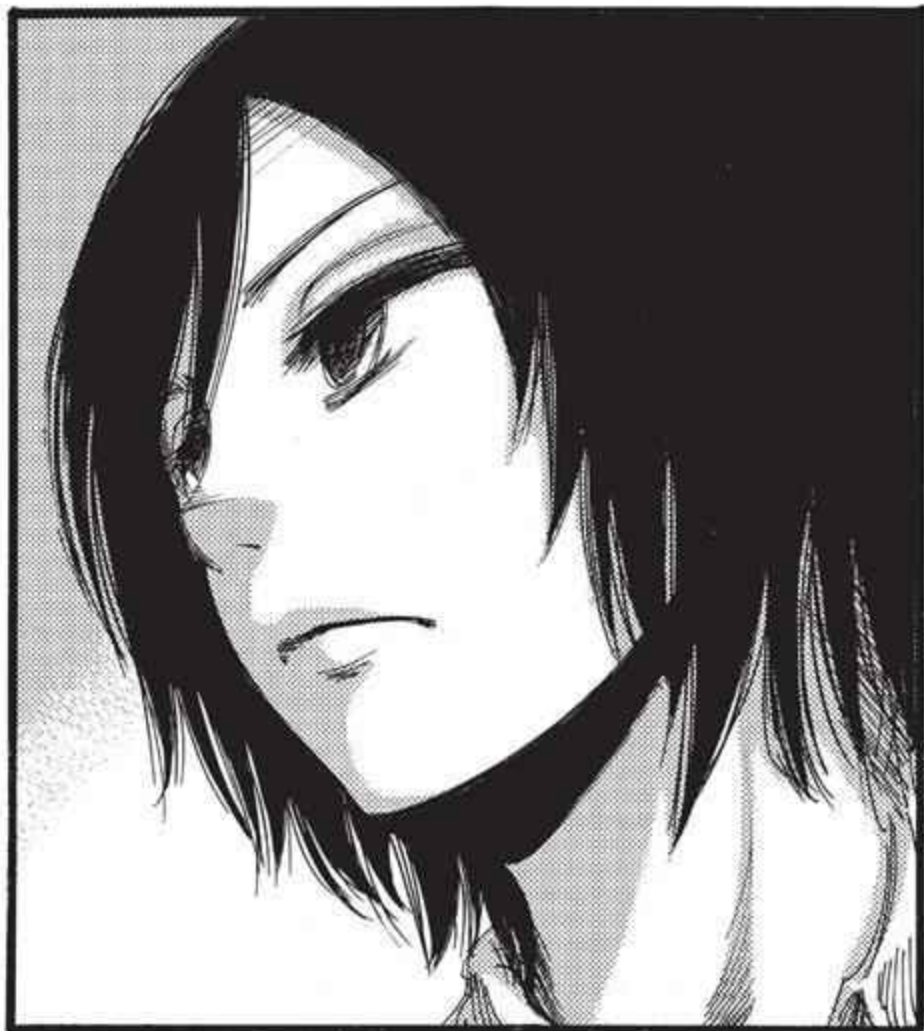
YOU  
SHOULDN'T  
SET YOUR  
SIGHTS  
ON THAT  
ANYWAY.

...ERADICATE  
THEM LIKE  
THIS?

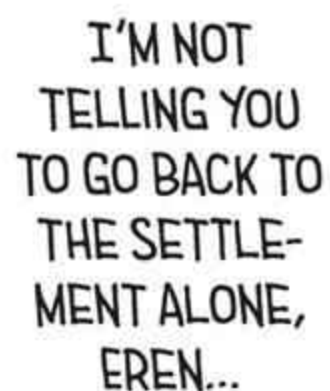




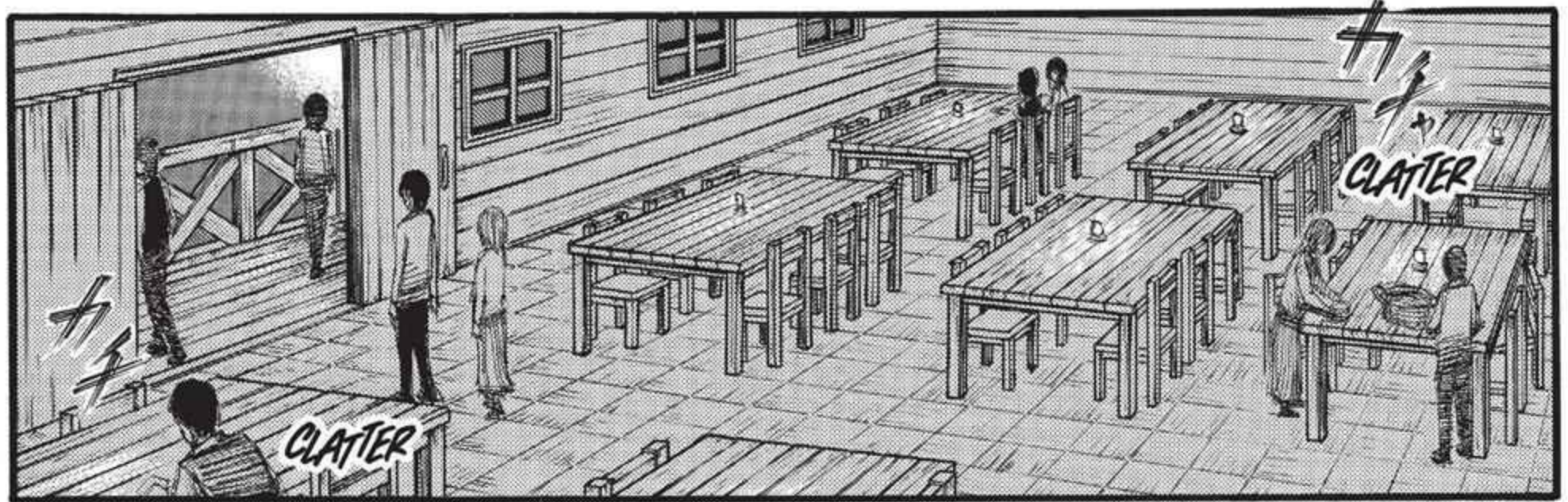




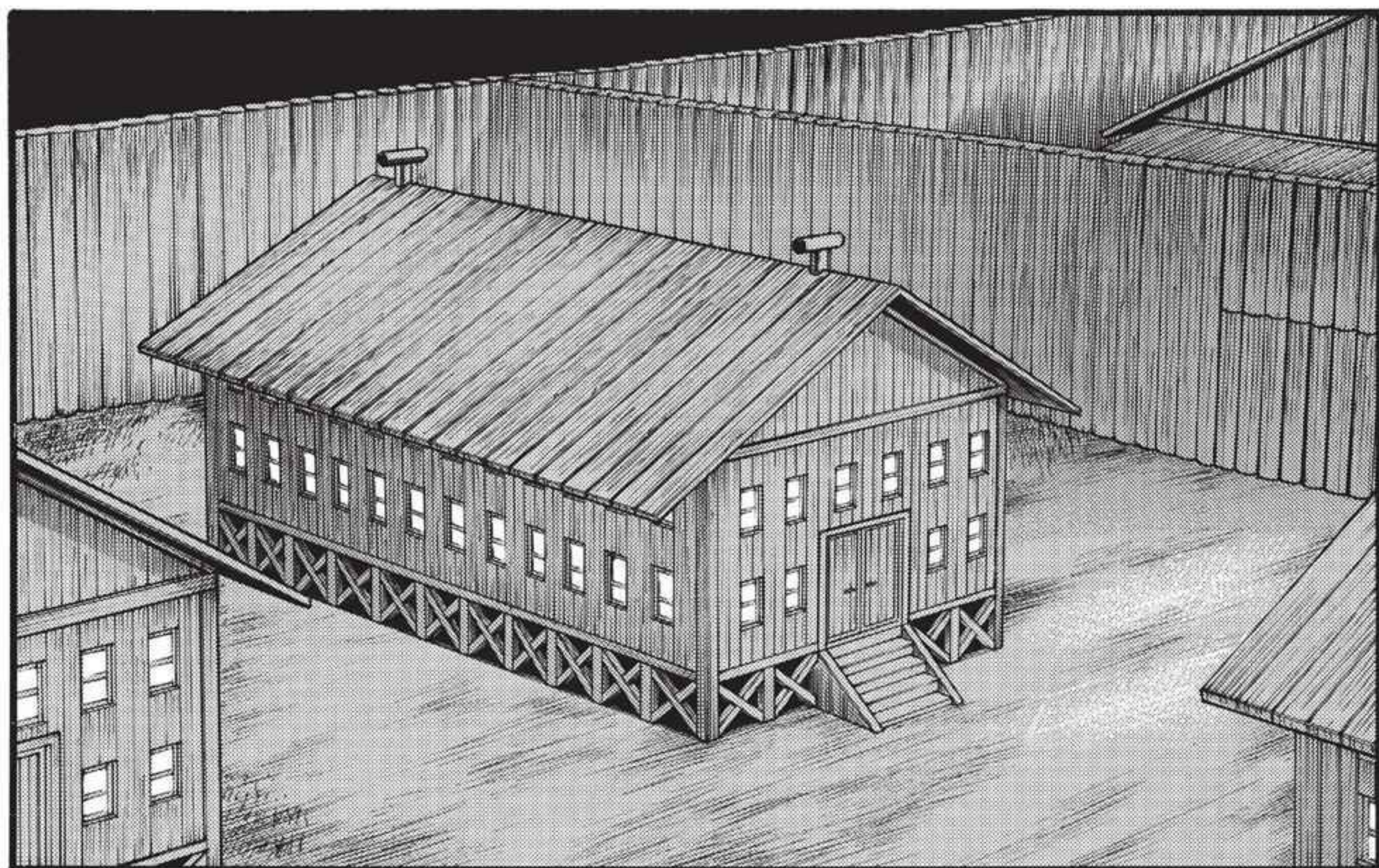
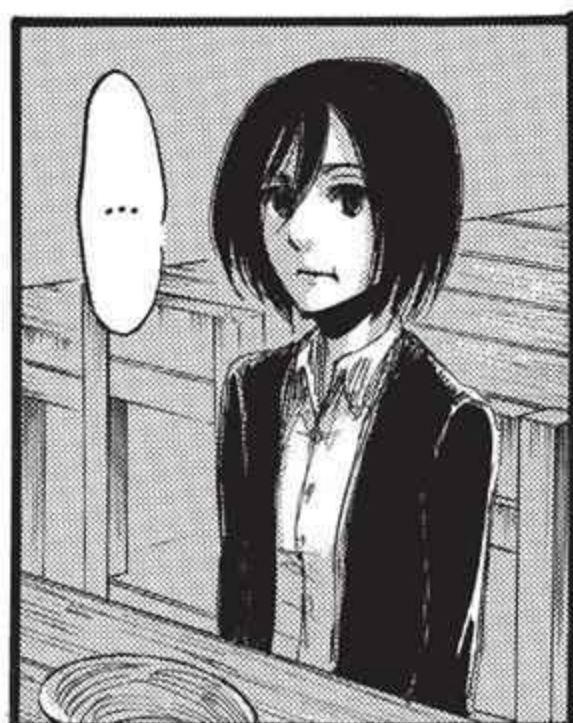




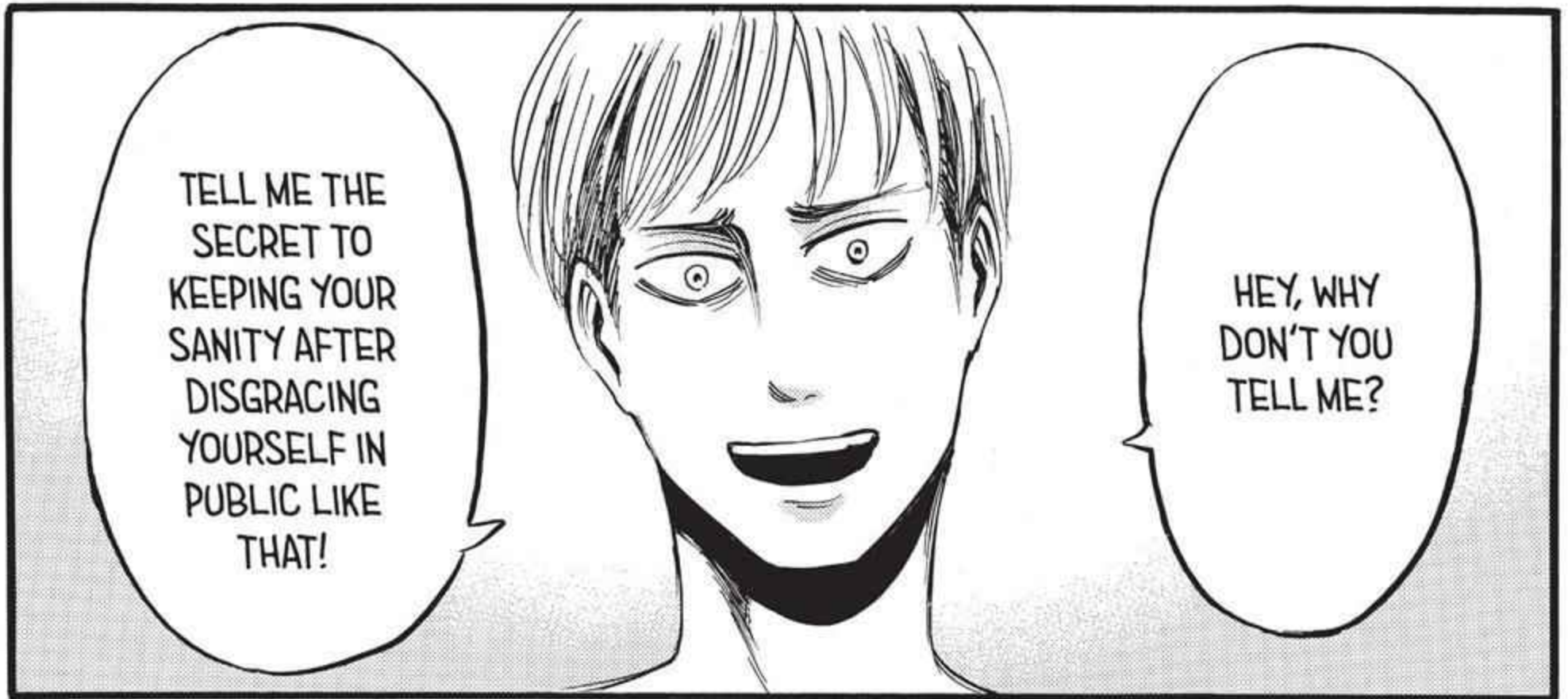




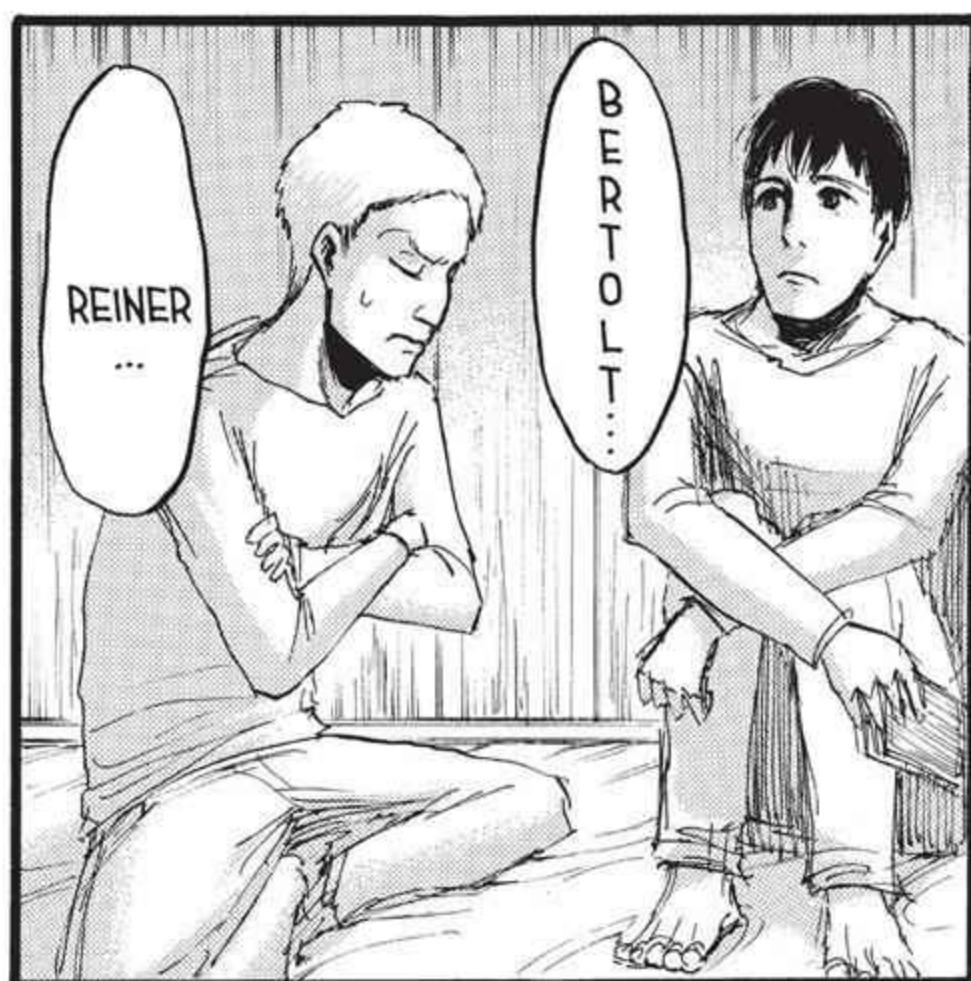








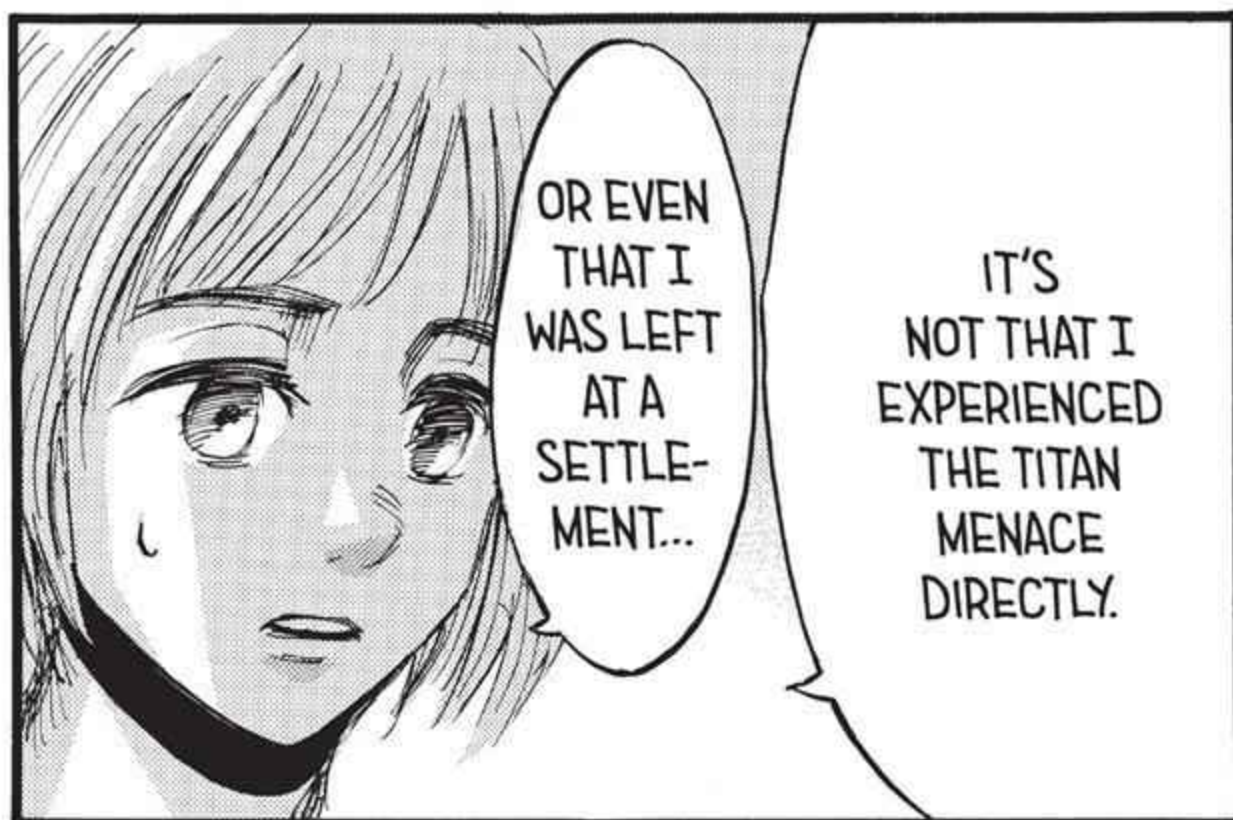








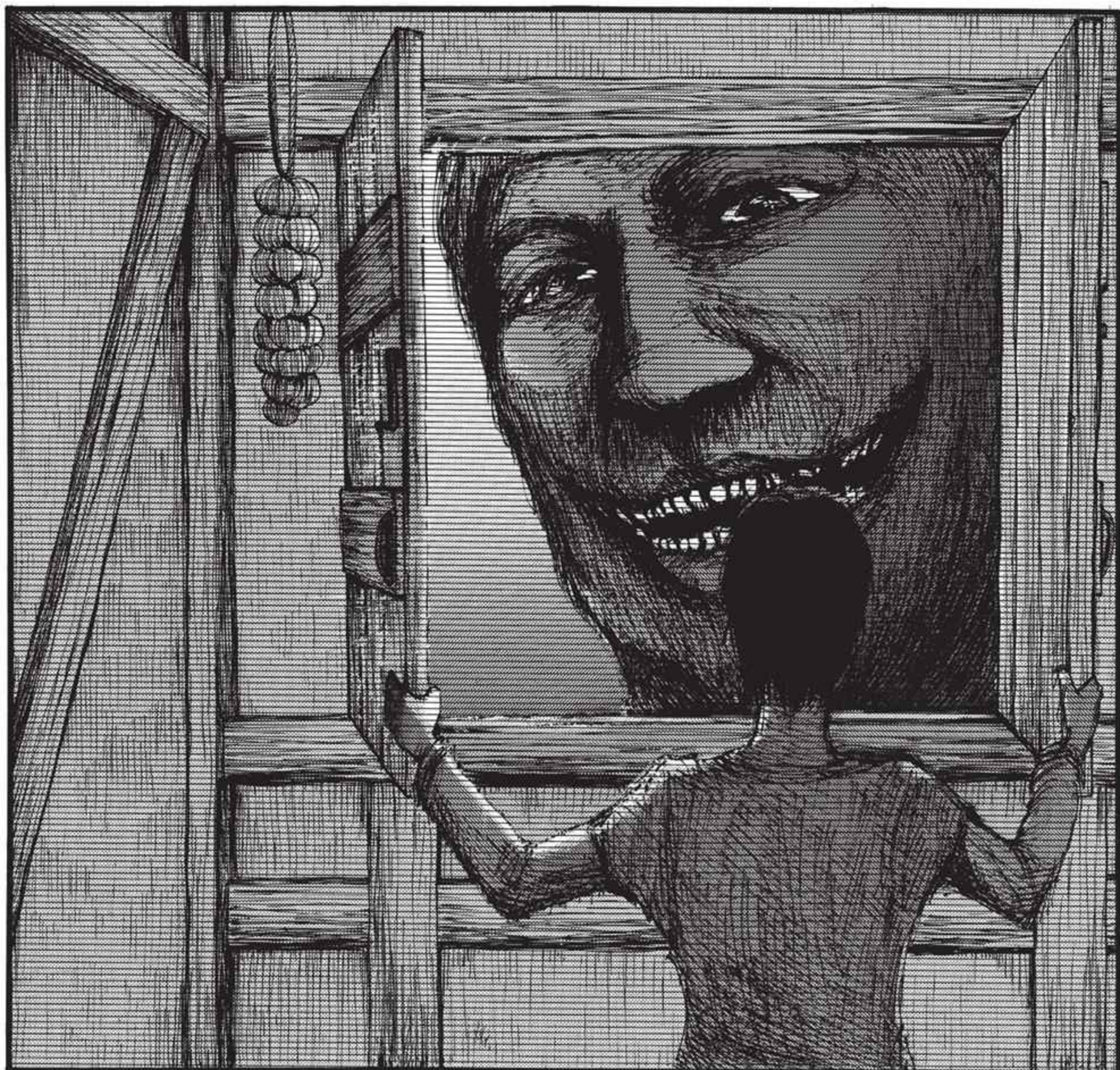












TWO  
YEARS OF  
SETTLEMENT  
WORK, THEN  
YOU CAME  
HERE...  
RIGHT?

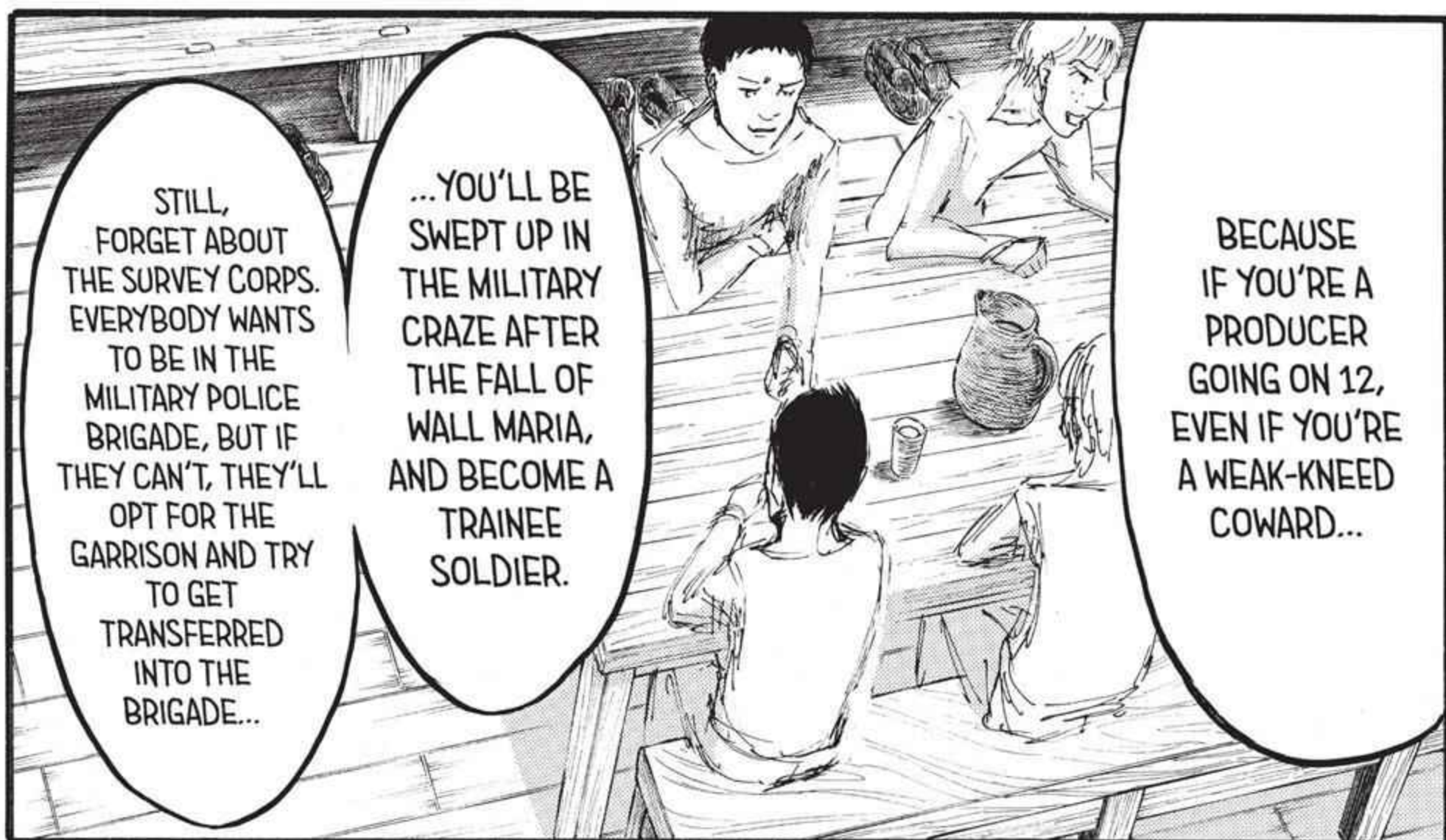
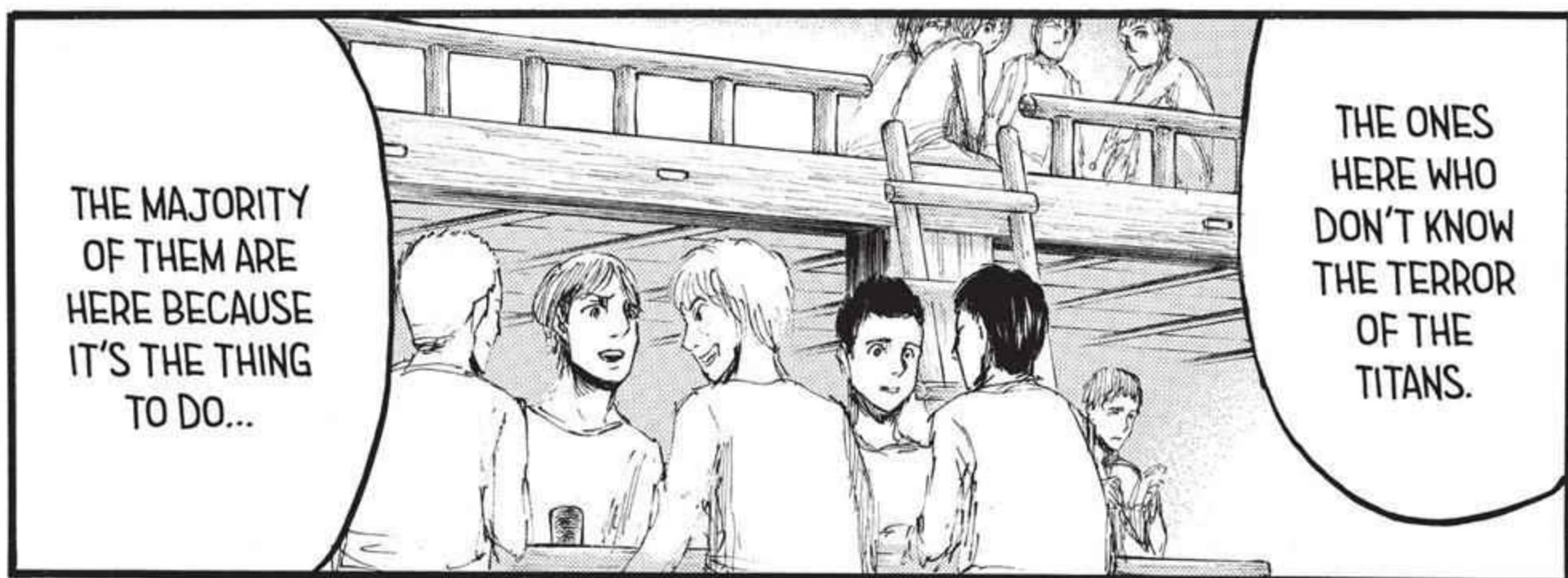
NEXT,  
WE  
PROBABLY  
WENT  
THROUGH  
THE SAME  
THING.



BUT  
WE GOT ON  
HORSES  
AND  
ESCAPED  
TO WALL  
SHEENA.

AFTER THAT...  
UM, I DON'T  
REALLY  
REMEMBER.  
EVERYBODY  
WAS  
PANICKING.









HUH ?



I'M  
JUST AS  
COWARDLY  
AS THEY  
ARE.



AND  
IF THAT  
DOESN'T  
WORK OUT, I  
MIGHT JUST  
CHUCK IT  
ALL...

I'M ATHLETIC,  
SO I CHOSE TO  
BE A SOLDIER,  
THINKING I'D  
USE MY SKILL TO  
BECOME AN  
ELITE MP.



...NO  
WILL  
OF MY  
OWN.

I'VE  
GOT...



AND  
PROTECTING  
YOUR OWN  
LIFE IS  
ADMIRABLE,  
TOO.

WELL,  
YOU DID  
GO  
THROUGH  
A LOT...

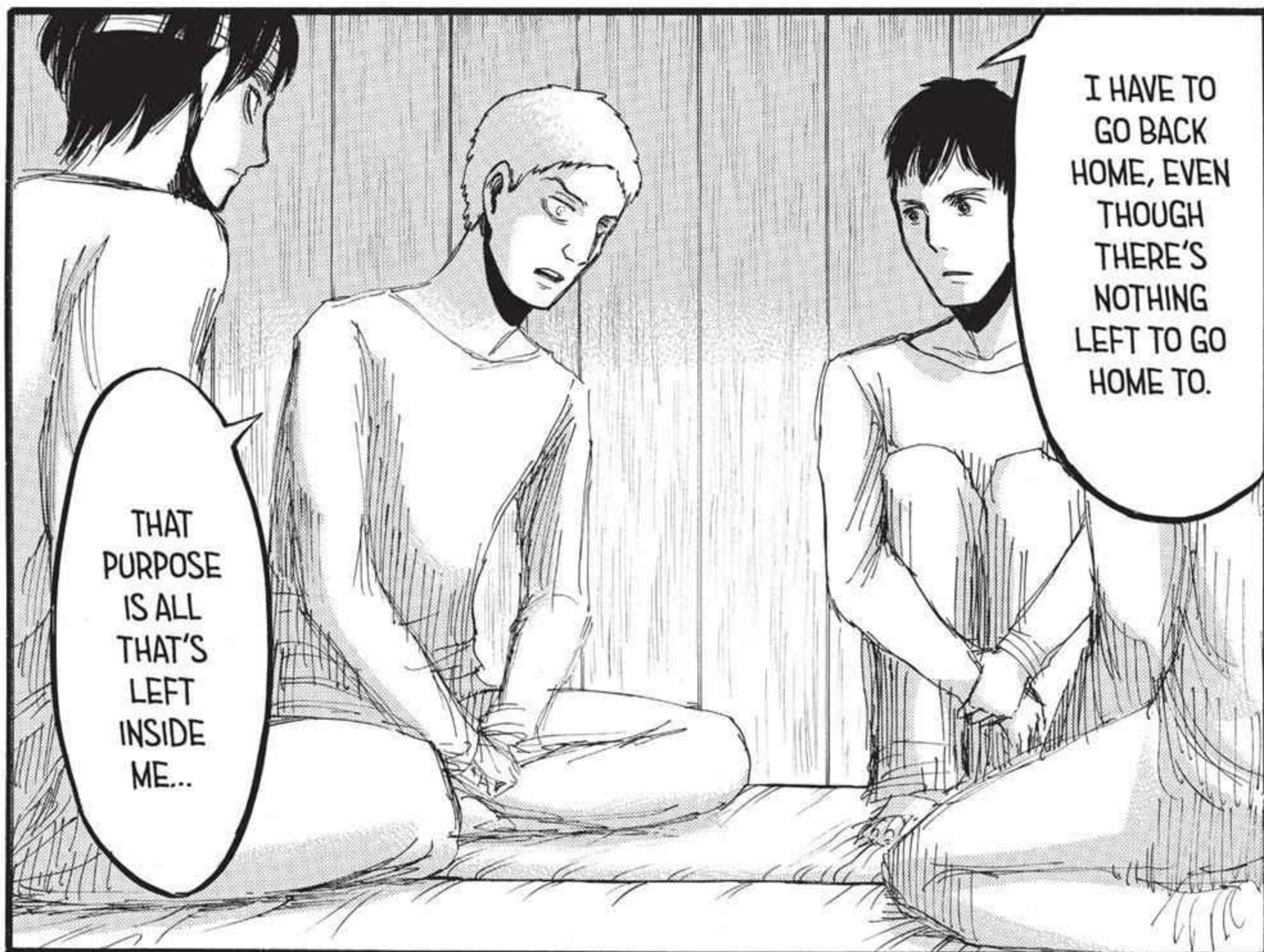
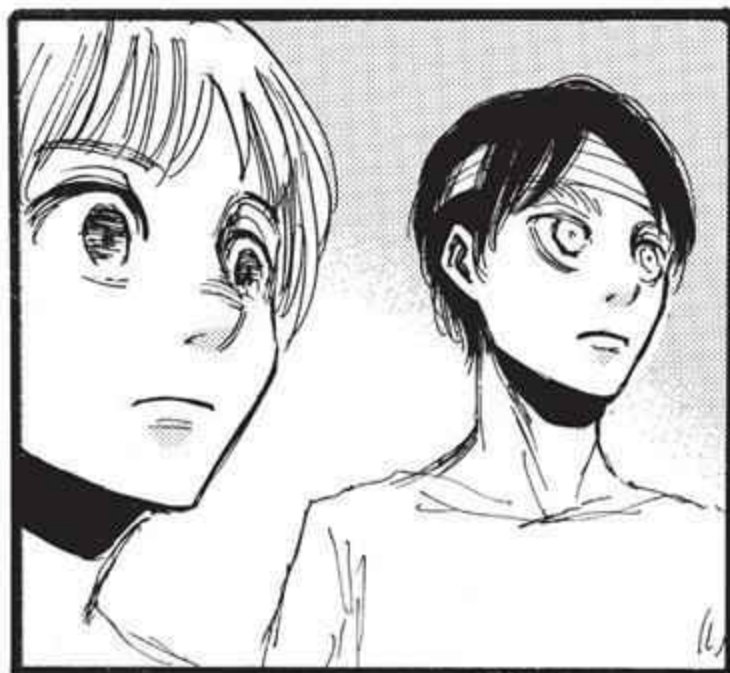
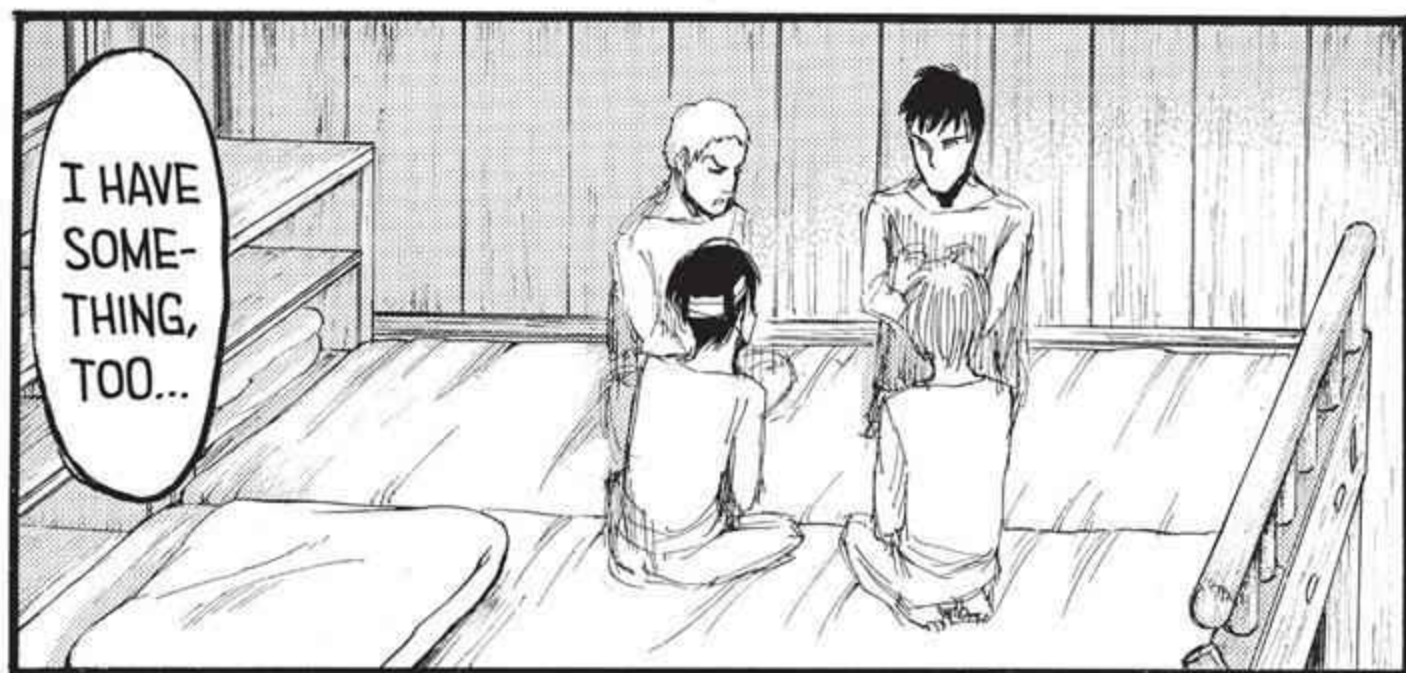


I ENVY  
YOU... FOR  
HAVING  
SOMETHING  
THAT'S MORE  
IMPORTANT  
TO YOU THAN  
YOUR OWN  
LIFE...

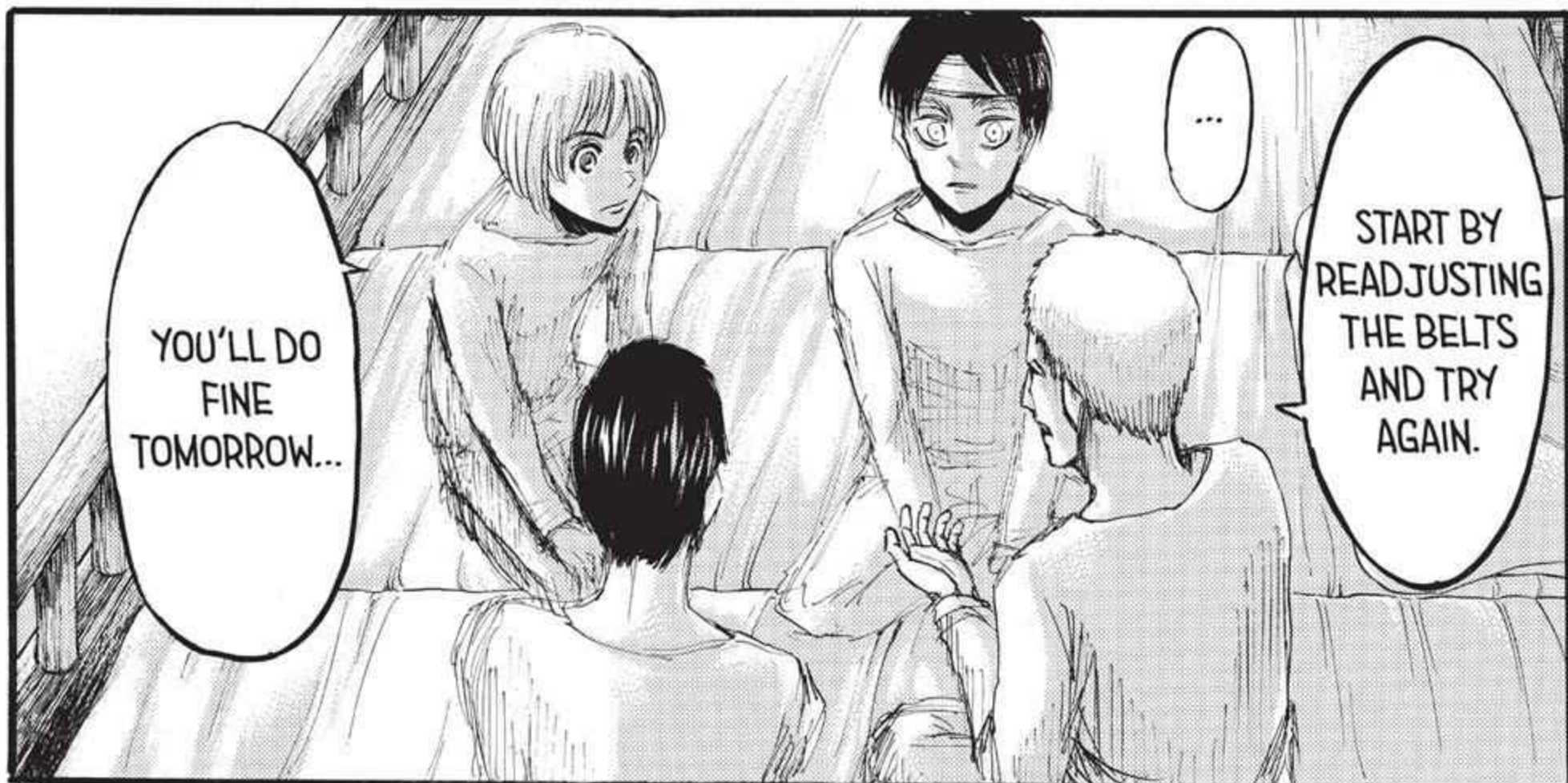




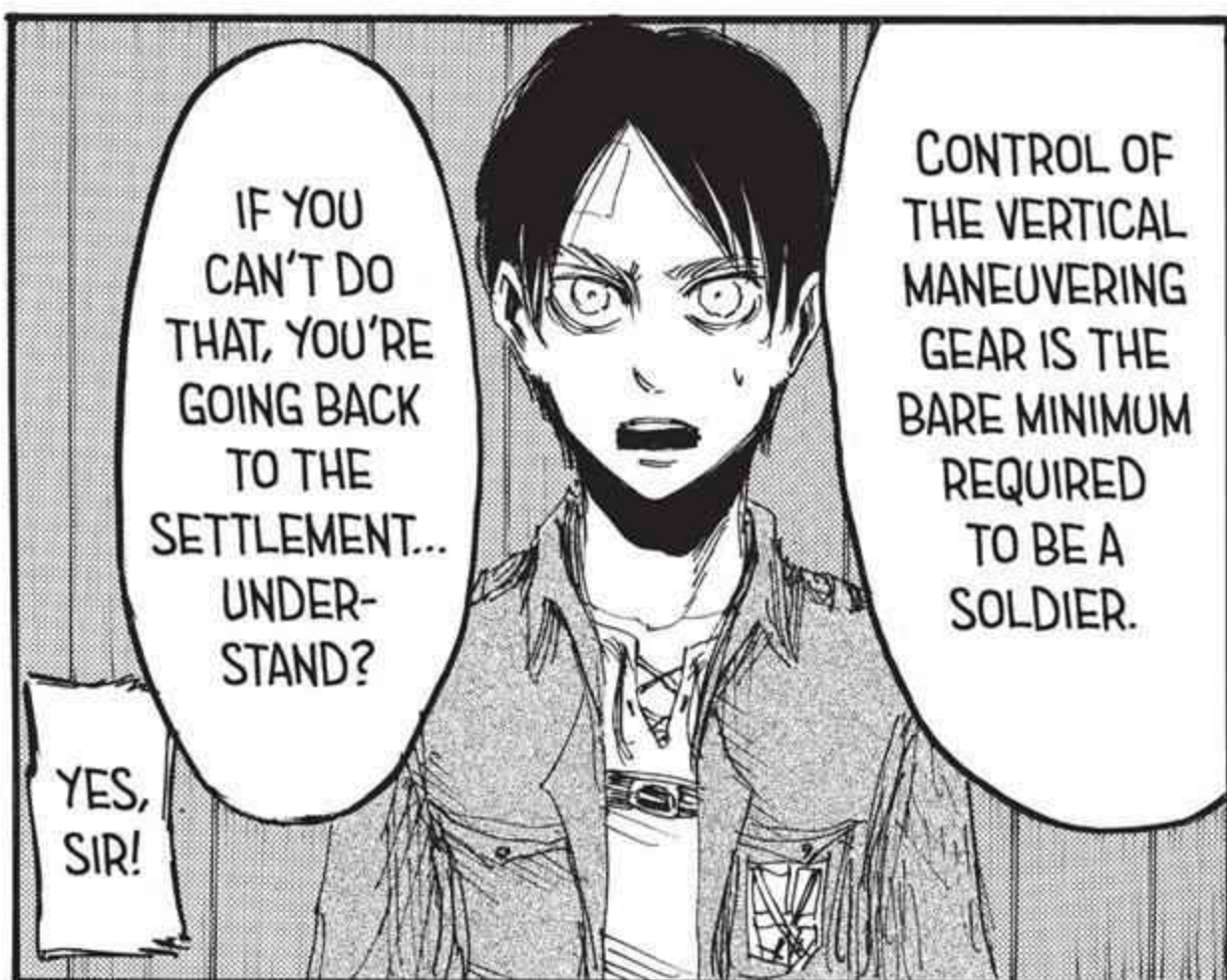




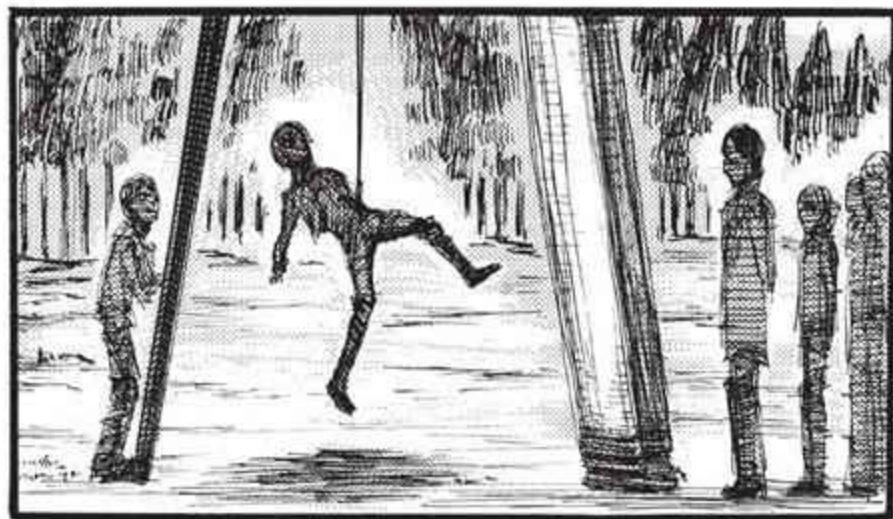










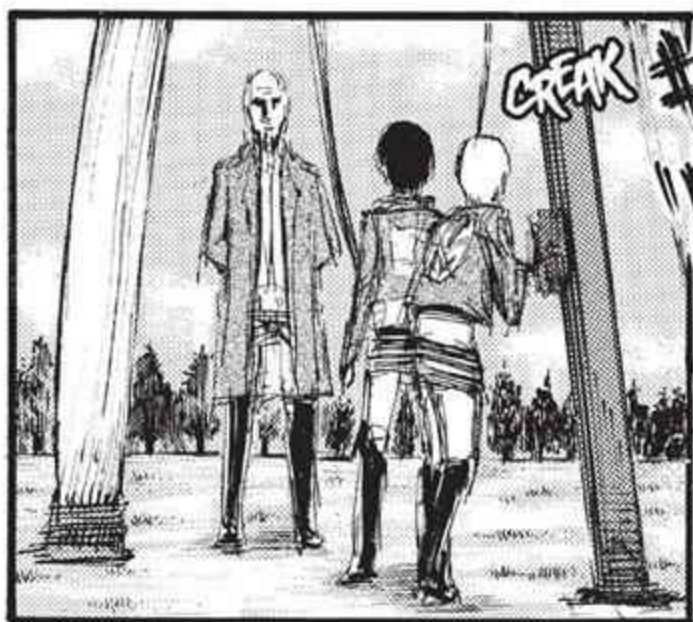


I MAY NOT  
BE A  
NATURAL...



I KNOW  
I CAN  
DO  
THIS!!

I CAN  
DO  
THIS!



CREAK



BEGIN.



BUT  
THAT'S  
ALL I  
HAVE!

IT'S GOT  
NOTHING  
TO DO  
WITH  
LOGIC!

AND  
I CAN'T  
BACK IT  
UP!



...BUT NO  
ONE BEATS  
ME WHEN IT  
COMES TO  
WILLPOWER!



THAT'S  
MY  
WEAPON!

Click

Click

Click



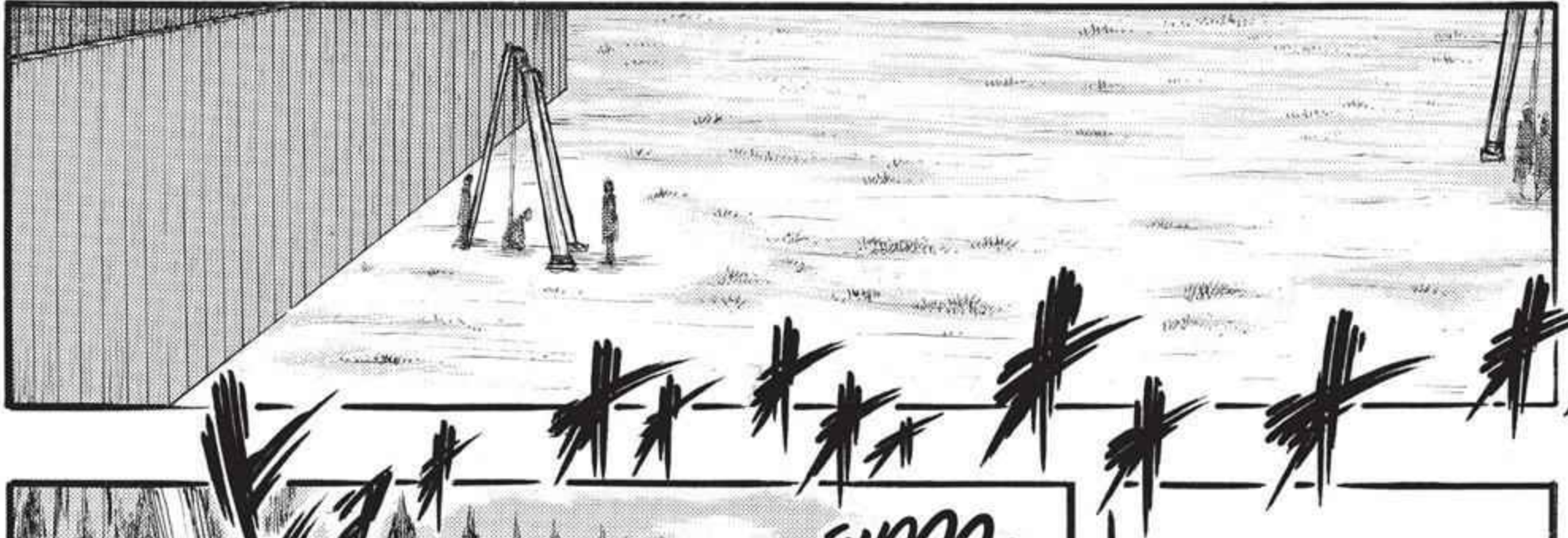




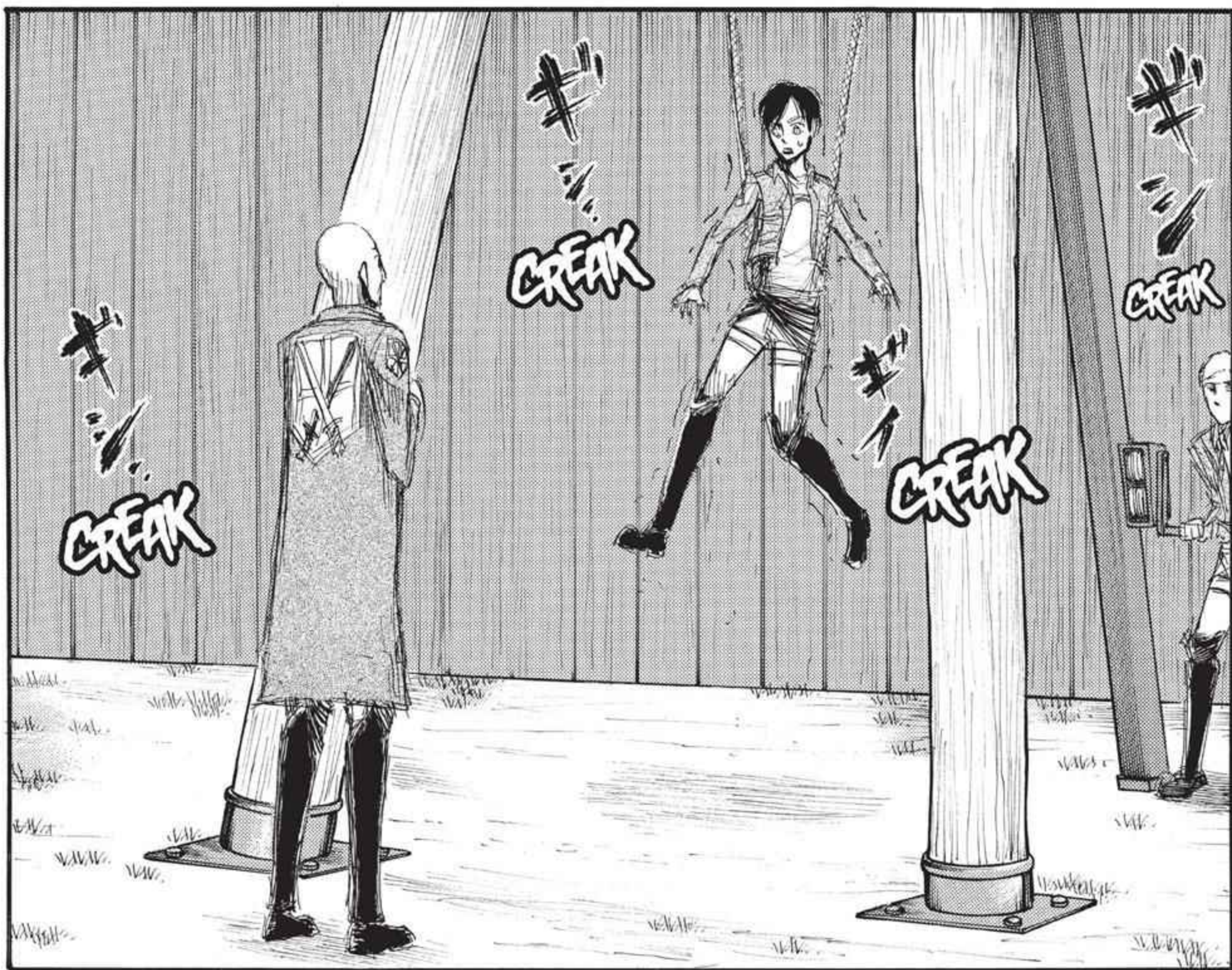
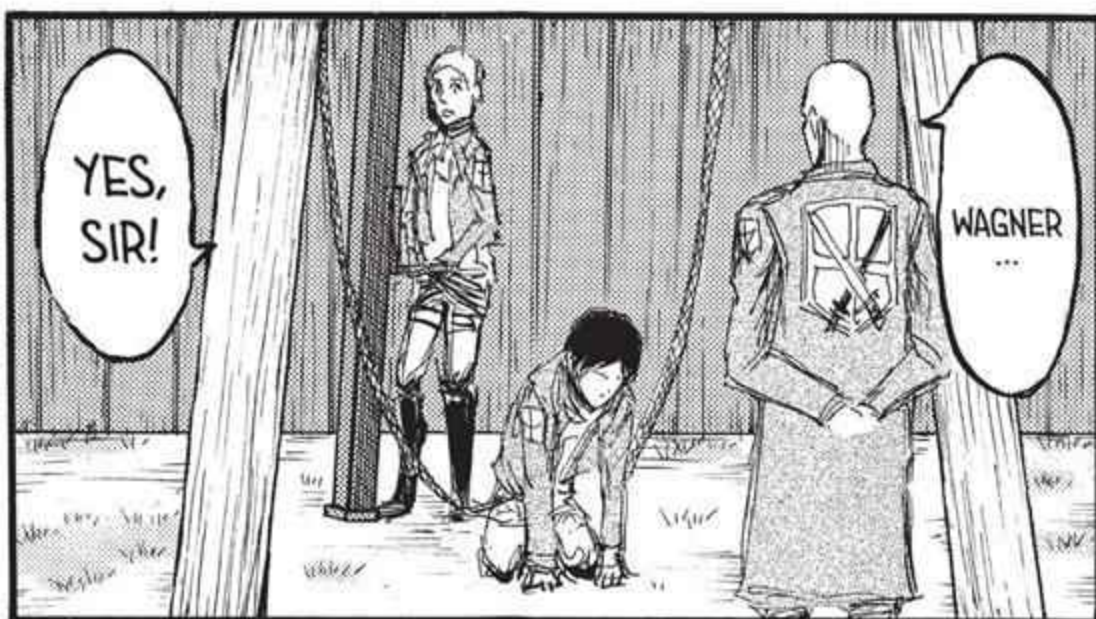




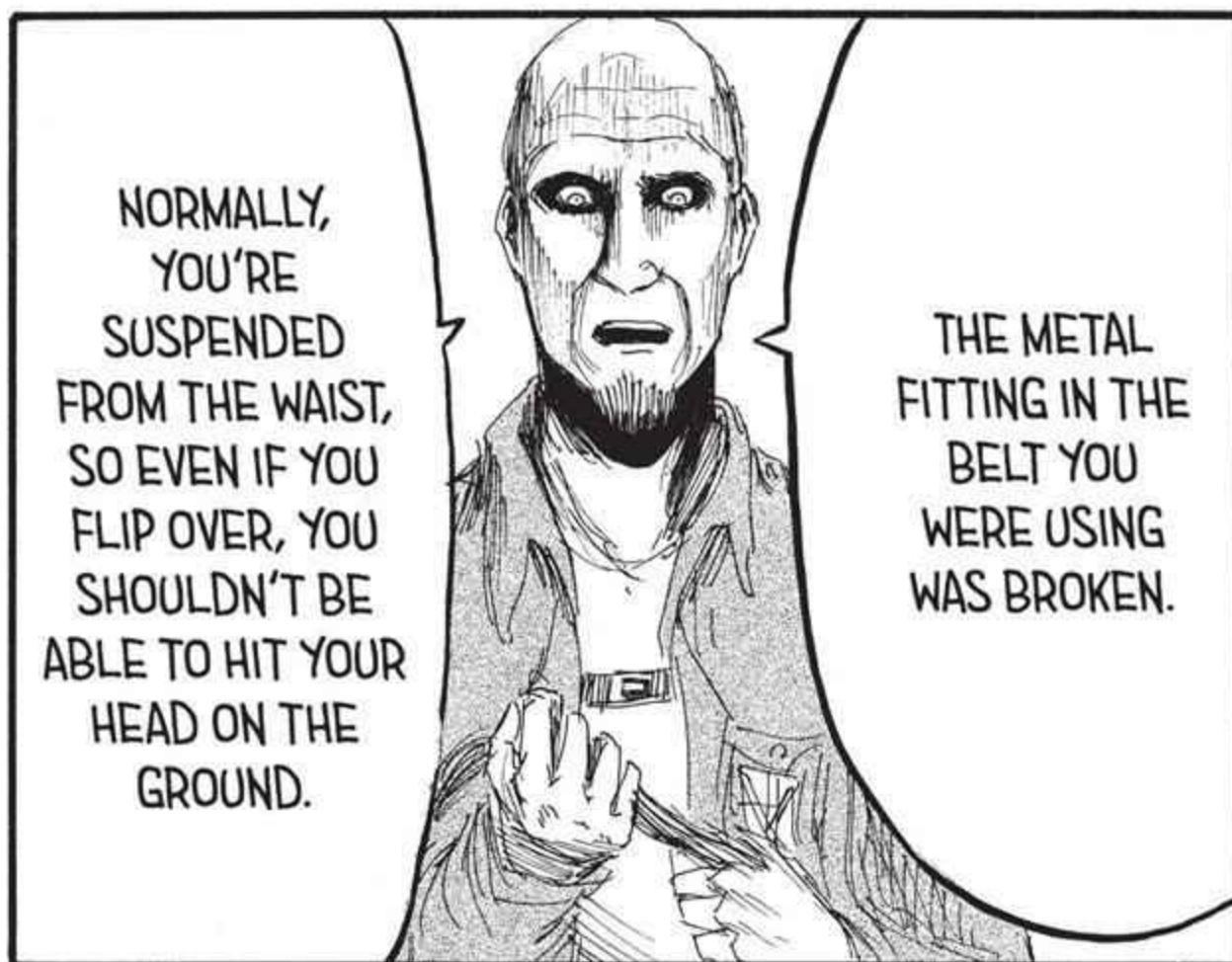




















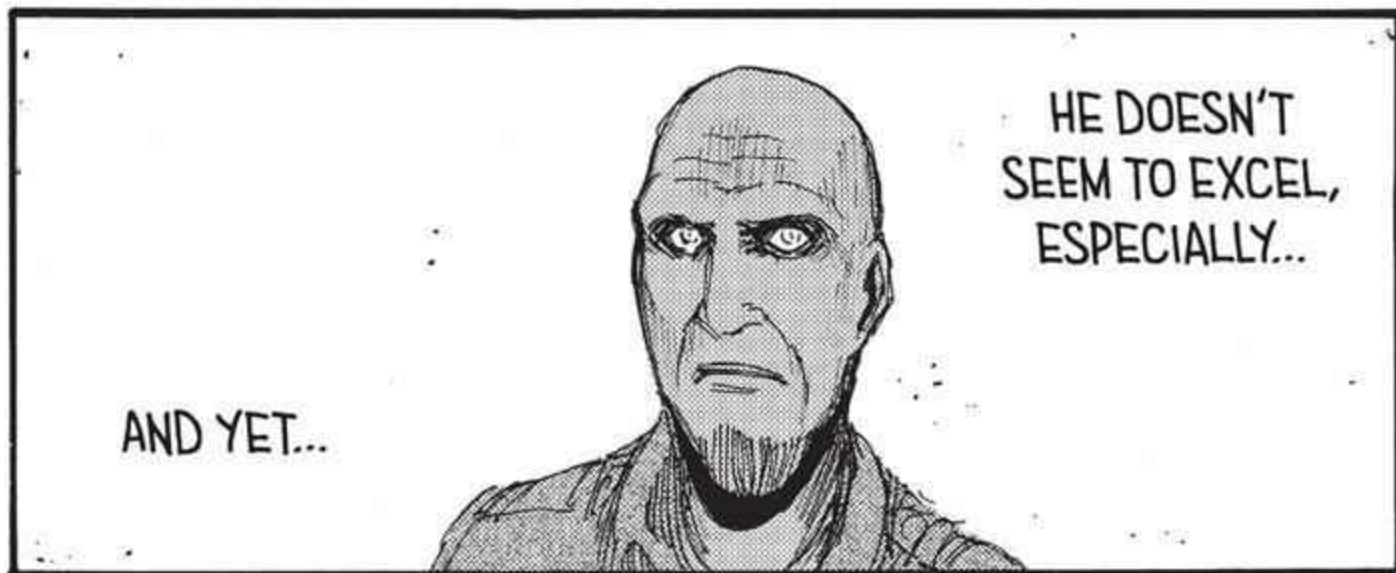
HE'S  
RELIEVED,  
BECAUSE  
NOW HE  
WON'T HAVE  
TO BE  
SEPARATED  
FROM ME...



WRONG.

HIS  
EYES ARE  
SAYING,  
"WHAT'D  
YOU THINK  
OF  
THIS?!"

IT  
LOOKS  
LIKE  
HE'S  
GETTING  
IT...



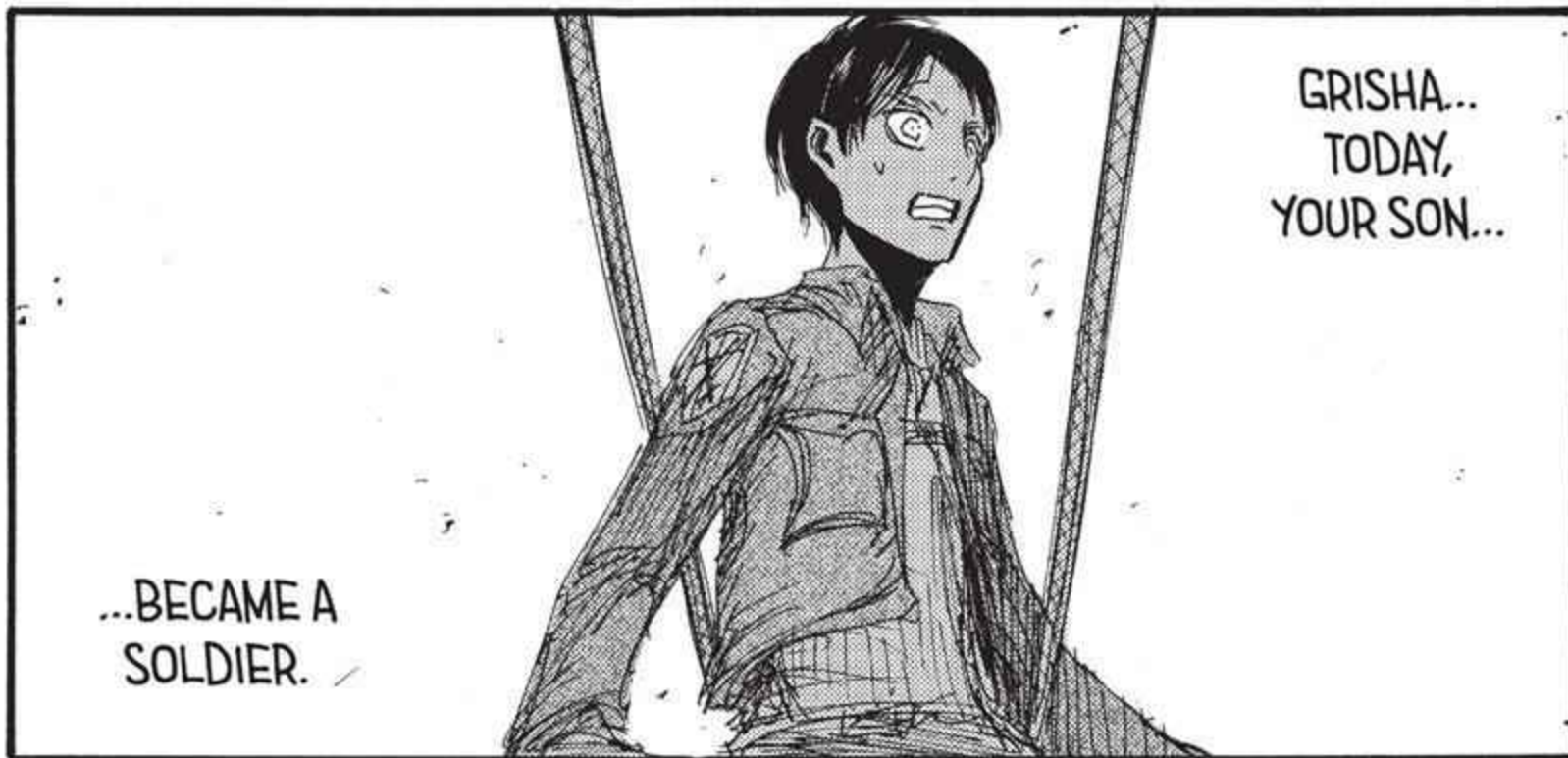
HE DOESN'T  
SEEM TO EXCEL,  
ESPECIALLY...

AND YET...



COULD ANYONE  
ELSE HAVE  
DONE THAT...?

...FOR A FEW MOMENTS  
THERE, HE MAINTAINED  
HIS BALANCE WITH THIS  
BROKEN EQUIPMENT.



GRISHA...  
TODAY,  
YOUR SON...

...BECAME A  
SOLDIER.

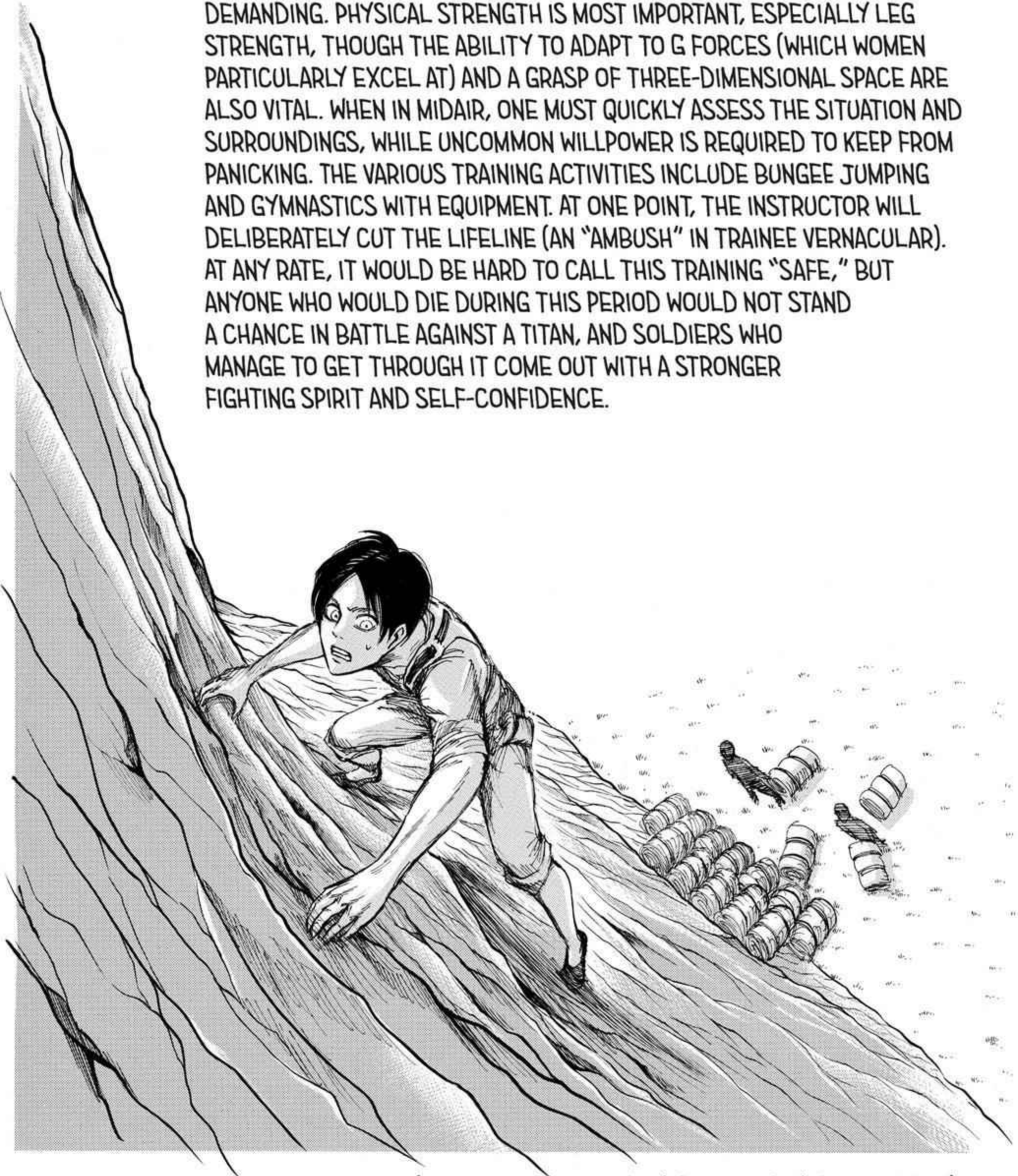




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## 8. Vertical Maneuvering Equipment Training

HUMANS MOVE IN TWO DIMENSIONS, SO VERTICAL MANEUVERING EQUIPMENT TRAINING, IN WHICH THEY MUST ADAPT TO THREE DIMENSIONS, IS EXTREMELY DEMANDING. PHYSICAL STRENGTH IS MOST IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY LEG STRENGTH, THOUGH THE ABILITY TO ADAPT TO G FORCES (WHICH WOMEN PARTICULARLY EXCEL AT) AND A GRASP OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL SPACE ARE ALSO VITAL. WHEN IN MIDAIR, ONE MUST QUICKLY ASSESS THE SITUATION AND SURROUNDINGS, WHILE UNCOMMON WILLPOWER IS REQUIRED TO KEEP FROM PANICKING. THE VARIOUS TRAINING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE BUNGEE JUMPING AND GYMNASTICS WITH EQUIPMENT. AT ONE POINT, THE INSTRUCTOR WILL DELIBERATELY CUT THE LIFELINE (AN "AMBUSH" IN TRAINEE VERNACULAR). AT ANY RATE, IT WOULD BE HARD TO CALL THIS TRAINING "SAFE," BUT ANYONE WHO WOULD DIE DURING THIS PERIOD WOULD NOT STAND A CHANCE IN BATTLE AGAINST A TITAN, AND SOLDIERS WHO MANAGE TO GET THROUGH IT COME OUT WITH A STRONGER FIGHTING SPIRIT AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.



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